



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 27, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 47 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 44.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 60.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 70.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 82.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River. Moderate to heavy precipitation was reported throughout the State with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 4.76 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 27, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	88	81	84	91
Soybeans, mature	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	98	94	93	97
Sugarcane, harvested	30	26	30	29
Sweet potatoes, harvested	74	70	71	80
Winter wheat, planted	24	21	16	17
Winter wheat, emerged	6	1	1	3

Crop condition for week ending October 27, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	12	43	40	3
Pasture	3	20	44	30	3
Sugarcane	1	5	40	44	10
Vegetables	1	10	38	49	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Continued rainfall made sugarcane harvest more difficult. It also slowed the beginning of wheat planting across the parish. More rainfall is predicted in the coming week. This will just add to the already saturated fields making harvest even more challenging.”

–Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Rain every few days has most fieldwork stopped. Sugarcane harvest increasingly became more difficult with poor field conditions from recent rains. Livestock producers were back in a soup bowl, pastures were wet and forage quality was low. Some hay feeding began while waiting on winter pastures for grazing. Crawfish farmers were getting a break from irrigation expense with the recent rains events.”

–Vince Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Soybean harvest complete and sugarcane harvest continues under favorable conditions. Ratoon crop rice harvest was in full swing with decent yields. Ryegrass planting and fertilization underway.

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Four to six inches of rain were received in some places on Friday and Saturday.

–Mary Helen Ferguson, Washington Parish

“Cool, wet and overcast weather made fieldwork sloppy as cane harvest continued. Crawfish producers started putting out traps to test harvest potential. Citrus harvest advanced with satsumas starting to sweeten and color up. Pecan pickers reported a light crop with some disease and insect damage present. Fall vegetables were progressing but needed sunny and drier conditions for optimal growth. Fall ryegrass forage planting occurred in between rains.

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“With cooler and rainy weather during the week sugarcane farmers were dealing with muddy conditions and some fields have windblown cane that was leaning. This may slow harvest some, but should not have long term effects on the crop if weather conditions improve. Rains should help early planted winter pastures emerge, and crawfish ponds that are being flooded.

–Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 27, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	74.6	49.4	62.0	62.0	0.0	2.48	4	1.24	6.23	1.74
Mooringsport	71.6	52.1	61.9	62.9	-1.1	2.68	4	1.50	7.07	2.65
Red River	82.2	57.4	69.8	63.4	6.1	0.94	2	0.07	4.06	0.17
Shreveport	72.7	48.0	60.4	62.8	-2.4	2.20	5	0.94	3.85	-0.79
Extreme/Average	75.3	51.7	63.5	62.8	0.6	2.08	5	0.94	5.30	0.94
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	70.3	46.7	58.5	60.8	-2.3	3.27	5	2.06	5.84	1.29
Extreme/Average	70.3	46.7	58.5	61.7	-2.3	3.27	5	2.06	5.84	1.29
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	77.2	44.0	60.6	64.5	-4.0	1.63	2	1.08	2.90	0.09
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	77.2	44.0	60.6	63.7	-4.0	1.63	2	1.08	2.90	0.09
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	74.3	49.7	62.0	63.7	-1.7	4.28	5	2.98	6.65	2.24
Natchitoches	73.7	50.1	61.9	64.4	-2.5	3.92	4	2.71	5.74	1.56
Extreme/Average	74.0	49.9	62.0	63.9	-2.1	4.10	5	2.84	6.20	1.90
Central										
Alexandria	72.1	52.9	62.5	65.4	-2.9	1.69	2	0.32	3.21	-1.41
Bunkie	74.0	51.7	62.9	65.4	-2.6	2.82	3	1.37	4.78	0.19
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	75.7	52.0	63.9	65.1	-1.3	3.36	4	2.08	5.30	0.98
New Roads	74.8	55.0	64.9	66.5	-2.1	0.95	1	0.28	6.08	2.42
Extreme/Average	74.2	52.9	63.5	66.0	-2.2	2.21	4	1.01	4.84	0.55
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	3.97	(NA)
Slidell	74.0	56.0	65.0	66.7	-1.7	6.89	4	6.01	8.72	5.37
Extreme/Average	74.0	56.0	65.0	66.1	-1.7	3.44	4	6.01	6.35	5.37
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	(NA)	0.99	3	0.00	3.83	-0.54
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	73.4	55.1	64.3	67.4	-3.1	1.64	4	0.30	4.61	-0.10
Oberlin	74.1	53.9	64.0	66.1	-2.1	1.53	3	0.12	5.98	1.14
Extreme/Average	73.8	54.5	64.2	66.6	-2.6	1.39	4	0.14	4.81	0.17
South central										
Donaldsonville	74.0	54.4	64.2	66.5	-2.3	4.68	3	3.54	6.12	1.61
Jeanerette	77.5	55.2	66.4	67.3	-1.3	1.38	2	0.70	4.48	0.51
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	75.3	60.0	67.6	68.6	-1.0	5.96	3	5.05	6.83	3.91
Extreme/Average	75.6	56.5	66.1	67.3	-1.5	4.01	3	3.10	5.81	2.01
Southeast										
Galliano	75.7	59.5	67.6	68.7	-1.1	7.34	3	6.55	7.79	4.72
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.86	3	4.73	6.97	3.50
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	77.5	60.5	69.0	70.1	-1.5	1.09	1	0.61	1.77	-1.40
Extreme/Average	76.6	60.0	68.3	69.4	-1.3	4.76	3	3.96	5.51	2.27
State	74.4	52.7	63.5	65.4	-2.0	2.89	4	2.21	5.25	1.52

(NA) Not available.
¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
² Departure from normal.